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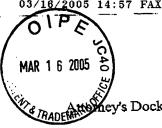
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- Applicant notes that the Notice of Allowability specifies that the allowed claims are 1. 1-28. However, there are 29 pending claims, where Claim 22 was cancelled. Thus, it appears that the indication that Claims 1-28 are allowed appears to be a ministerial error and should reflect that Claims 1-21 and 23-29 are allowed. The Applicant requests that this discrepancy between the numbers of the claims allowed and the numbers of the pending claims be noted and possibly remedied by a Substitute Notice of Allowability.
- Applicant also notes that the Information Disclosure Statement of form PTO-2. 1449, paper no. 4, mailed October 25, 2002, and received October 28, 2002, does not include the initials of the Examiner adjacent to all of the citations as an indication that all of the citations have been considered by the Examiner. Specifically, the document available on the Electronic File Wrapper System of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system only shows initials of the Examiner adjacent to citations 1-4, the U.S. Patent Documents, but not adjacent to citations 5-10, the Foreign Patent Documents, a copy of which is attached. (The Office Action dated May 17, 2004, indicated that a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 25, 2002, was attached, but no such document was attached; thus, the Applicant relies upon the copy of this document on the Electronic File Wrapper System.) Applicant notes that the Examiner has independently cited the sixth citation,

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> EP-0 800 135 to White et al., and the tenth citation, WO-91/13403 to Killean et al., in a Notice of References Cited, paper no. 5, dated May 17, 2004, and, thus, has considered these references even though not indicated on the Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 25, 2002. The Applicant requests that the Examiner confirm that all of the citations on the Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 25, 2002, were considered (specifically citations 5 and 7-9), indicate such consideration by placing the initials of the Examiner adjacent to these citations, and provide the Applicant with a copy of this initialed Information Disclosure Statement.

- Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to this case, it 3. is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.
- It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for not addition of claims are 4. required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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